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SUBJECT: SADAT SPEECH ON JULY 16.

1. DURING PRESIDENT SADAT'S ADDRESS TO MEMBERS OF ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON JULY 16 HE COVERED UNSC DEBATE, MERGER WITH LIBYA, US/USSR DETENTE AND NEW INTERPRETATION OF EGYPTIAN NATIONAL CHARTER. ASSUME FBIS CARRIED FULL TEXT.

2. SADAT TOOK HARD LINE ON UPCOMING UNSC DEBATE. HE ALLEGED THAT "CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES WAS FULLY CLEAR" DURING FIRST STAGE OF DEBATE. HE SAID AMERICA HAS BEEN TRYING TO POSTPONE CONVOCATION
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OF THE SECOND SESSION BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES AND

ISRAEL ARE FEELING EMBARRASSED AND ISOLATED. EGYPT, HOWEVER, IS RESOLVED TO RESUME THE DISCUSSION AND "FACE THE WORLD WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITIES." ACCORDING TO SADAT, EGYPT HAD NOT GONE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN EXPECTATION OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. EGYPT'S PURPOSE WAS TO PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THE WORLD AND PARTICULARLY THE BIG POWERS BECAUSE AMERICA AND ISRAEL DURING THE PREVIOUS SESSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD "CREATED SUCH CONFUSION ABOUT THE CASE THAT WHEN EGYPT TRIED TO RAISE THE MATTER, THEY SAID EGYPT SHOULD SIT AND NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL." IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, SADAT SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO REJECT "BARGAININGS AND ENDEAVORS" WHICH MAY BE MADE TO ADOPT A WEAK RESOLUTION TO WHICH AMERICA WOULD NOT OBJECT. SADAT SAID THE EGYPT WOULD NOT CARE IF THE UNITED STATES USED THE VETO AGAINST THE WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THIS WOULD ISOLATE THE US AND ISRAEL.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF THE MERGER WITH LIBYA, SADAT SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH STUDYING THE SUBJECT HAD PROPOSED THREE SOLUTIONS, AND ALL OF THESE SOLUTIONS WERE EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT QADHAAFI IN DETAIL. EGYPT IS STILL CARRYING OUT CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR BRETHREN IN LIBYA TO REACH A FINAL FORMULA.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF US/USSR DETENTE, SADAT SAID THAT GOE WAS STUDYING THE EFFECT OF THE DETENTE ON EGYPT. PART OF THE NECESSARY INFORMATION HAD BEEN OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF HAFEZ ISMAIL'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AND HIS THREE AND A HALF HOUR MEETING WITH BREZHNEV. THE REST OF THE INFORMATION WOULD BE "DEDUCED" FROM THE USA'S ATTITUDE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION "THROUGHOUT THE COMING STAGE." THE RESULTS WILL THEN BE EMBODIED IN A BASIC POLICY PAPER THAT WILL AFFECT THE EGYPTIAN POSITION FOR AT LEAST 20 TO 25 YEARS.

5. THIS IDEOLOGICAL PAPER WILL BE PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE EGYPTIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, THE CONVENING OF WHICH HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM THE TRADITIONAL DATE

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OF JULY 23 UNTIL SEPTEMBER. THE PAPER WILL ALSO "DISPOSE OF VARIOUS MISREPRESENTATIONS" TO WHICH THE NATIONAL CHARTER HAS BEEN SUBJECTED. HE SAID THAT THE CHARTER HAS BEEN GIVEN A CERTAIN IDEOLOGICAL SLANT IN SOME QUARTERS WHOSE EXPLANATIONS OF IT HAVE A MARXIST BIAS. EGYPT SHOULD NOW DO AWAY WITH ALL VAGUENESS AND CAUSES OF MISUNDERSTANDING. THE CONTENTS OF THE PAPER ARE TO BE DEBATED PUBLICLY WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED POLITICAL

FRAMEWORK PRIOR TO ITS PRESENTATION TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

6. COMMENT: SADAT'S SPEECH DISCLOSED NO CHANGE IN EGYPT'S BASIC POSITIONS, BUT IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT HE IS NOW DISCUSSING LONG-TERM POLICIES AND HAS DROPPED REFERENCES TO THE IMMINENCE OF THE BATTLE. ON THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, SADAT IS STEADILY STEERING EGYPT TOWARDS THE RIGHT.
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